GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:40
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INCLUSION OF RIVERS IN UNION LIST OF CONSTITUTION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been actively considering to include rivers under the Union list of Constitution in view of various water disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Union Government to take control of all rivers and related issues; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) At present there is no such proposal before the Government to include rivers in the Union List of the Constitution. There is also no such direction from the Supreme Court in this regard.